Schemes for tribals

447. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to raise Central share in the scheme for improving the living conditions meant for tribals; and

(b) if so, to what extent and when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) No proposal for increasing Central share in any of the schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for improving the living conditions meant for tribals is under consideration.

Status of Kol tribes

448. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that the people belonging to Kol tribes have been given the status of a tribe in Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reasons that such recognition has not been given to them in other States?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The Kol Tribe has been notified as a Scheduled Tribe in the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa only. In addition in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Kol is listed as one of the ten tribal groups which fall under the generic term Andamenese. As no proposal has been received for inclusion of Kol community in their list of Scheduled Tribes from any other State Government, the question of granting recognition to the Kol community in other States does not arise.

Checking atrocities against women and children

449. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to initiate any stringent measures to put a check on the atrocities committed on women and girl child and would change the deteriorating values which discriminate and victimize women;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any road map is drawn for its implementation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Action towards empowerment of women and for curbing of crimes against them to initiate change in the mindset of society towards the girl child and consider her as an asset and not a burden is an on going exercise as detailed in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) Does not arise.